GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SWIMMERS AND DIVERS IN ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is a decline in the number of swimmers and divers in Indian Army and the number of such armymen is likely to fall short to face calamities in future ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether the Government has made a plan to stop retired swimmers and divers of Army from going abroad and to use their services for the nation ;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The fresh steps taken by the Government to increase the number of swimmers and divers in Indian Army?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)No, Sir.

(b)Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c)No, Sir.

(d)Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e)Army personnel are required to pass basic swimming tests during recruitment training. Army is also conducting specialized courses on 'Swimming and Life Saving' at the Army Institute of Physical Training, Pune.